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Mr. Miyoko Sakashita
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Dear Mr. Sakashita:

Thank you for your letter of June 5, 2008, to Administrator Stephen L. Johnson, regarding your petition to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to revise the marine pH water quality criteria and publish guidance to address ocean acidification. The Administrator requested that I reply directly to you.

As noted in our initial response on January 16, 2008, regarding your original petition from the Center for Biological Diversity, the petition and supporting documentation requires careful review before the Agency reaches a final decision.

We will provide a response on your petition to the EPA by September 1, 2008. Please feel free to contact me on this issue should you have any additional questions. You may reach me at (202) 566-1117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Maria Honey-Taylor", is written over the typed name.

Edward V. Ohanian, Director
Health and Ecological Criteria Division

Handwritten initials in blue ink, possibly "EVO", are written to the left of the typed name.